



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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DALLAS, TX - Hal Roberts Ray, Jr. has been selected by the district judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge at the Wichita Falls Division. Mr. Ray will begin his service as a magistrate judge next month after he takes the oath of office. A formal investiture ceremony has not yet been scheduled.

Mr. Ray received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, with highest honors, from the University of Texas at Austin in 1981; a Juris Doctor degree, with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in 1984; and a Master of Laws degree, with merit, from the University of London in 2006. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Ray served as law clerk to Chief United States District Judge Halbert O. Woodward in Lubbock, Texas, from 1984 to 1985. Following his clerkship, Mr. Ray worked as an associate with Thompson & Knight, LLP, in its Dallas and Fort Worth offices from 1985 to 1988 and from 1990 to 1994 and with Sherrill & Pace, P.C., in Wichita Falls from 1988 to 1990. Mr. Ray served as an assistant attorney general of Texas from 1994 to 1997. In 1997, he became a partner in Pope, Hardwicke, Christie, Schell, Kelly & Ray, LLP, in Fort Worth.

Mr. Ray is a member of the State Bar of Texas and is admitted to practice in the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and District of Columbia Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas. He is board certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a member of the American Law Institute. Mr. Ray is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

A magistrate judge merit selection panel chaired by Hank Anderson, Esq., assisted the court in screening applicants for the magistrate judge position. Panel members included: Allyson Ho, Esq.; Kevin Brooks, Esq.; Matthew Kacsmayk, Esq.; Mr. Duane Snyder; Lonny D. Morrison, Esq.; Robert G. Estrada, Esq.; Ms. Nancy Marks; H. Carter Burdette, Esq.; Robert L. Ginsburg, Esq.; Lars L. Berg, Esq.; and Mr. F.W. Rabalais.

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